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May 12, 2003

Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re:

E Sand, Reservoir A; G Zone, Reservoir A,

Fort St. Philip Field, Plaquemines Parish,

Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Gulf Production Company, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the E Sand, Reservoir A and the G Zone, Reservoir A, Fort St. Philip Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

E SAND, RESERVOIR A

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the E Sand, Reservoir A in the Fort St. Philip Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the E Sand, Reservoir A,

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reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The E Sand, Reservoir A in the Fort St. Philip Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 9,111 feet and 9,223 feet (electrical log measurements) (8,823 feet to 8,932 feet TVD) in the Gulf Producing Co. Inc. (formerly Panaco, Inc.) - May Helen DeValle No. 1 Well, located in Section 48, Township 19 South, Range 17 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

G ZONE, RESERVOIR A

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the G Zone, Reservoir A in the Fort St. Philip Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the G Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the G RA SU A as shown on the plat attached hereto;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interest within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
- 5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The G Zone, Reservoir A in the Fort St. Philip Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,378 feet and 9,833 feet (electrical log measurements) (9,079 feet to 9,574 feet TVD) in the Gulf

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Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the proposed E RA SU A and the G RA SU A in the Ft. St. Philip Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager ONLY is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL

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Mr. Richard Hudson

District Manager

Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties



